GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the types of fertilizers imported from various countries during the last three years;

(b) the foreign exchange spent thereon during the said period;

(c) whether the imported fertilisers are tested;

(d) if so, the norms regarding testing of fertilizers; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): As per the present Export Import Policy of the Government of India, all fertilisers and fertiliser inputs except urea are de-canalised whose imports are made freely on private trade account. Urea is the only fertiliser under statutory price & partial movement control. The imports of urea are made through State Trading Enterprises i.e. MMTC, STC & Indian Potash Limited. Import of urea for direct use as manure is being made on Government Account only. However, phosphatic fertiliser manufacturers are also importing urea for use in production of complex fertilisers with prior permission of the Government. The imports of urea made on Government account during the last three years for direct application along with value in US $ is given below: -

(Qty In thousand tonne & value in lakh US $)

Country	2001-2002		2002-2003		2003-2004	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Bangladesh	31	34.31	0	0	0	0
CIS	155	164.06	0	0	0	0
Libya	19	21.30	0	0	0	0
UAE	15	15.84	0	0	0	0
Total	220	235.51	0	0	0	0

The details of fertilisers imported (other than urea imports for direct application) during the last three years are given in annexure 1.

(c) to (e) Yes sir, all the imported fertilisers are tested after arrival at discharge port as per the prescribed procedure and specifications given in the Fertiliser Control (Order) 1985.

Annexure 1 referred to in reply to parts (a) to (b) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 2650 to be answered on 21.03.2005.

(Qty in thousand tonne)

DAP

Country	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004#
USA	497	202	496
CIS	21	76	118
Jordan	258	73	60
Morocco	108	32	0
Australia	49	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	35
Saudi Arabia	0	0	25
Total	933	383	734

MOP

Country	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004#
Canada	175	206	451
Germany	97	167	118
Isreal	356	412	255
Jordan	614	446	658
CIS	1568	1372	1098
Total	2810	2603	2580

SOP

Country	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004#
Germany	22	13	10.50

MAP

Country	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004#
China	0	0	21
USA	35	0	0
Russia	90	100	0
CIS	0	0	44
Total	125	100	65

Urea for complex fertilisers

Country	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004#
China		25	
CIS	23		
Iran	17	54	10
Kuwait	0	21	13
Libya	0	19	0
Qatar	42	0	35
Saudi Arabia	43		
UAE	60	25	60
Total	185	119	143

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Source Fertiliser Statistics FAI